

**CATTLE**

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**MINNESOTA CATTLE INVENTORY UNCHANGED, U.S. INVENTORY UP 1 PERCENT**

Minnesota cattle and calves inventory is 2,400,000 head on January 1, 2005. This is unchanged from January 1, 2004 inventory, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. The U.S. inventory at 95.8 million head is up 1 percent from the previous year.

Minnesota cows and heifers that have calved totaled 855,000 head on January 1, 2005, 1 percent below last year. Beef cows in the state, at 395,000 head, are unchanged and milk cows, at 460,000 head, are down 1 percent from a year ago. Nationally, the total cows and heifers that have calved are 42.1 million head, up 1 percent from a year ago. Beef cows, at 33.06 million head, are up 1 percent from January 1, 2004 and milk cows, at 9.01 million head, are up slightly from last year.

ITEM	MINNESOTA			UNITED STATES		
	(Thousands)		2005 as % of 2004	(Millions)		2004 as % of 2003
	2004	2005		2004	2005	
All Cattle & Calves	2,400	2,400	100	94.88	95.85	101
All Cows	860	855	99	41.85	42.06	101
Beef Cows	395	395	100	32.86	33.06	101
Milk Cows	465	460	99	8.99	9.01	100
All Heifers 500 Lbs.+	570	555	97	19.34	19.67	102
Beef Replacement Heifers	100	95	95	5.52	5.75	104
Expected to Calve	NA	NA		3.49	3.59	103
Milk Replacement Heifers	280	270	96	4.02	4.13	103
Expected to Calve	NA	NA		2.76	2.83	103
Other Heifers	190	190	100	9.80	9.79	100
Steers 500 Lbs. & Over	450	440	98	16.28	16.51	101
Bulls 500 Lbs. & Over	35	40	114	2.21	2.22	101
Heifers, Steers, & Bulls Under 500 Lbs.	485	510	105	15.21	15.38	101
Cattle & Calves on Feed	310	290	107	13.81	13.75	100
	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003
Calf Crop	850	830	98	37.90	37.63	99